IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A meta data category, for use by a Web site to describe information therein, the meta data category comprising:

a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services that describes the functionality of said Web site as one or more functional identifiers.

2. (Previously Presented) The meta data category according to claim 1, wherein said meta data category comprises a plurality of functional identifiers, each functional identifier denoting a specific type of application or service available via the world wide web.

3. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 2, wherein each functional identifier comprises one or more keywords identifying a type of application or service being offered by a web based provider.

4. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 2, wherein each functional identifier is written in a task description language describing the functionality of the application or service.

5. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 1, wherein the category is provided in a searchable area of a web page.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user to retrieve information and applications on a network comprising:

retrieving content from one or more data sources, and

presenting the retrieved content to the user~~'s web browser~~, wherein the retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning ~~web~~ **network** applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to **and provided by the**~~web~~ **network** application and/or service~~types~~, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of ~~web~~ **network** applications and services**, the meta data category** ~~that~~ describes the functionality of said ~~Web~~ **network** site as one or more functional identifiers.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising analysing an input user query to detect a desire for retrieving ~~web~~ **network** applications and/or services, retrieving content from one or more data sources that match the user query and presenting the retrieved content to the user~~'s web browser~~.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of retrieving content from data sources comprises filtering content and applications from said one or more data sources to match such content with a user query or user profile.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ **a** web browser is configured to deliver information to the user based on a user profile, so as to personalise the portal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the user profile is constructed based upon implicit feedback from information originating from the user and delivered by the browser.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein in the step of retrieving content, said content is retrieved based directly upon a user query and such content includes one or more links to application and/or service providers identified by said one or more functional identifiers.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A computer **readable medium for use with a network terminal, said computer readable medium comprising:** ~~program product being arranged for causing a processor to execute the method of claims 6.~~

code for retrieving content from one or more data sources, and

code for presenting the retrieved content to the user, wherein the retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning network applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to network application and/or service types, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of ~~web~~ network applications and services that describes the functionality of said network site as one or more functional identifiers.